

APCM 2020

St Andrew's

— CULLOMPTON —

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PCC Members (2019)

Vicar	Ed Hobbs
Associate Vicar (Bradninch)	Olly Mears
Treasurer	Matt Cooper (2019)
Wardens	Amelia Jerreat (2018) & Jo Bailey (2019)
Secretary	Beth Collier
Trustees	Kally Adderkin-Hall (until December 2019)
	Anna Bimson (until October 2019)
	Caroline Clapp (until October 2019)
	Charlotte Dodgeon (until July 2019)
	Mark Dodgeon (until July 2019)
	Rachel Dunn
	Luke Edser
	Simon Friend (Deanery/Reader)
	Martin Hammett
	Mark Jelley (Deanery)
	Phil Mumby
	Elaine Reynolds
	Keith Rushforth (Deanery)
	Andrew Southall
	Ed Thompson (Lay Chair)

Reader:	Celia Fox (co-opted) Kath Mumby (co-opted)
Co-Opted In for 2019-2020:	Chris Cozens Steve Foster Sarah Stuchbery James Wakefield
Deputy Wardens:	Colin Arye Steve Hellier Steve Radford Sarah Stuchbery (PCC)

Vicar's Report

Well this truly has been an extraordinary year, this is an extraordinary APCM, and these will be extraordinary reports! Although we are meant to be looking back to 2019, with all that has gone on this year it feels very hard to do so without first saying something about the time we find ourselves in! 2020 clearly is a year that will never be forgotten, many of the foundations of our lives and society have been shaken. But God remains the same, and his church goes on! I just want to register my thanks at this point for all that you have done, both large and small, to bless, care for and encourage both those inside and outside of the church family. There is so much more to say about this, but I think it should wait until the 2021 APCM hopefully in April of next year!

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So back to 2019. A year in which we said goodbye to Russ Morgan our curate, and Dan Maynard our youth worker, both of whom, with their families, brought so much to our church family. Of course, since then we have also said goodbye to Dave Edwards, Linda Wood and Wendy Jelley, so it has been 18 months of considerable change. During that time we have also gained Tracey Adams in the office, Scott McJohnston in Keystone, Jonathan Reynolds and Rachel Dunn as ordinands, and most recently Josh Baldwin in youth and worship. As vicar here one of my great privileges is to work alongside our amazing, talented and committed staff team, and I'm sure you will want to join with me in expressing your thanks to all of them, past and present, for all they have done to keep us going during this difficult time.

The reports that follow just go to show what a wonderful, diverse and gifted family that we are blessed to belong to. I hope as you read them you will be encouraged, excited and maybe even challenged to join in with something new in the coming year. Thanks again for all you do to make St Andrew's the wonderful family that it is, and may God bless you for the year to come.

Edward Hobbs

[Edward Hobbs](#) (Vicar)



PCC Lay Chair's Report

These last few months have proved to be interesting and challenging times for the PCC. Not being able to physically meet at a time when some very key decisions have needed to be taken and responded too has led to us doing 'PCC business' differently.

Being Lay Chair involves me representing PCC and the Church Membership as a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) as well as providing clear, manageable and timely communication to PCC.

Whilst SLT has managed to hold regular on-line video meetings PCC have needed to rely on being briefed and consulted on key issues through emails although we been able to have a couple of Zoom meetings. The first meeting proved to be interesting as there were 17 of us in the meeting and trying to manage the meeting and ensure everyone was able to participate was challenging for all of us.

PCC are wanting to be as open and transparent in what discussions and decisions are being considered/taken and if you want to know what we are up to then the minutes can be found on the church website under 'What's On'. This is the link:

<https://standrewscullompton.com/about-us/pcc-minutes/>

Please contact either myself EdThompson@standrewscullompton.com or Beth Collier opsdirector@standrewscullompton.com if there is something you think PCC should be considering and/or discussing regarding the life of the church.

[Ed Thompson](#) (PCC Lay Chair)

Churchwardens

As Jo and I look back on the last 12 months (actually 18 months due to the cancellation of the APCM April 2020!) a lot has happened since the last APCM—some issues that have been considerable challenges and other issues to be celebrated.

Celebrations:

- The payment in full of the diocesan loan linked to the Community Centre.
- Despite COVID 19 the current finances remain stable.
- The many members of our community who continue to be touched by St Andrew's whether that is by attending the many services at Christmas and Easter but also by accessing Toddler group, People Matter, Keystone and Prayer ministries and the many other activities. We know that this has been a little different over the last 6 months but many of these ministries continue even if virtually.
- The increased number of Home groups that have started up – more than ever even during lockdown.
- New members of our church family who have found us through YouTube over the last few months....welcome!
- The many volunteers and teams who work tirelessly often behind the scenes and the way they have adapted to the challenges of the last 6 months.

COVID 19

The arrival of COVID 19 in March 2020 has perhaps been one of the biggest challenges faced by St Andrews for some time resulting in the closure of the church as a space and the stoppage of face to face services as we knew them. Our thanks to the amazing staff and volunteer team who very quickly set up virtual vlogs and then services. This enabled folk to be encouraged by the daily

5 minutes words and then to engage in services, albeit virtually from home. As these services developed and were hosted on YouTube it was exciting to see how technology could link the worship team together and the church family could encourage each other by the messaging stream. The recent installation of live streaming equipment means that we can continue to reach out to the community and those who are not yet able to attend church in person.

Jo and I appreciate that the last 6 months and coping with the lockdown and restrictions in particular have been very challenging for all in different ways; whether this is due to health concerns, financial worries, isolation and the many ways this pandemic has hit. We thank you for your patience and understanding as the team have learnt to work and communicate in this different way.

Early in 2020 we met with our Diocesan architect to discuss plans to proceed with works to the church building following the last Quinquennial. Obviously COVID 19 has placed a halt on those plans but as we enter a steady rhythm with the new services and life returns to a new normal we hope to restart these plans over the next 12 months.

PCC and Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Since the last APCM you may recall that there have been changes in how the PCC and SLT carry out their roles. It seems a long time ago since Edward explained in the services how this would work. However, these changes have settled well with the SLT meeting regularly (now by Microsoft Teams) to discuss issues, plan and support Edward. Ed Thompson has now joined the SLT as PCC chair providing an integral link between SLT and the PCC. In addition, Beth is now firmly established as Operations Director which has been a blessing in negotiating all the COVID guidance and advice.

Many would have noticed that we have had some staff changes over the last 12 months which has understandably been unsettling. We have used this opportunity to look at many policies and procedures on how we support and protect our staff going forwards. We extend our thanks to the Exeter diocese

who have been very helpful and supportive in this role. Also, to Ed Thompson and other members of the PCC who have helped with regards this.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Dave and Nikki Edwards as they step down from their current role. We acknowledge the huge blessing that they have both been and we wish them all our love as they seek next steps in their ministry. We also wish to thank Wendy Jelley for her years of service within the church office.

We know that St Andrews can't function without the help and support of the many volunteers who serve throughout the life of the church. We are especially grateful for the support of our Deputy Wardens and volunteers who have without fail, served us as a Church Family and team. We pray that you would know how much of a blessing you are to those you serve.

Finally, our thanks to Edward and Lucy and Olly and Hannah as they continue to lead us. In addition, the Staff Team as well as the administration team (Carrie, Josh, Ben, Scott, Beth and Tracey). We thank them for their vision and tireless work as they help us to reveal the heart of Jesus in the heart of Cullompton.

[Amelia Jerreat](#) (Church Warden) and [Jo Bailey](#) (Church Warden)



Financial Report

I have included the following overview of the church accounts for 2019 below – if anyone would like to see a copy of the full version please contact me and I will arrange this for you.

Designated reserve funds have increased to a total of £95,714, of which approx. £78,000 is cash.

A transfer to outward giving was authorised for 2020 of £26,485 (including an underspend from 2019 of £2,460).

Common fund payment of £100,000 (up from £96,000 in 2018) against a request of £185,000.

We are now fully integrated with GX Accounting and have transferred the account successfully to Quickbooks providing a much more effective reporting framework.

Many thanks to Beth and Tracey in the office for refining the day to day book-keeping and reporting and keeping myself and the SLT/PCC up to date.

[Matt Cooper](#) (Treasurer)

End of Year Accounts (2019)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW'S, CULLOMPTON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Incoming Resources						
Receipts from Donors						
Planned giving		163,031	-	-	163,031	152,779
Income tax recovered		38,398	170	-	38,568	40,597
Other collections and donations		40,769	16,303	4,416	61,488	65,755
Receipts from Church Activities	2	19,211	510	5,500	25,221	44,917
Investment income		274	-	-	274	294
Community Centre lease income	16	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Other sundry income	3	10,794	-	-	10,794	4,530
Total incoming resources		275,477	16,983	9,916	302,376	311,872
Resources Expended						
Church Activities						
Diocesan Common Fund	4	100,000	-	-	100,000	96,000
Outward giving	11	-	19,970	-	19,970	17,920
Services and other activities	5	136,790	30,783	12,964	180,537	186,375
Governance costs	6	657	-	-	657	314
Total resources expended		237,447	50,753	12,964	301,164	300,609
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers						
		38,030	(33,770)	(3,048)	1,212	11,263
Transfers between funds	7	(25,425)	24,425	1,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,605	(9,345)	(2,048)	1,212	11,263
Funds brought forward at 1 January		52,874	371,806	32,688	457,368	446,105
Funds carried forward at 31 December		65,479	362,461	30,640	458,580	457,368

Outward Giving

Present team members:

Edward Hobbs, Martin Hammett, Anthony Nderitu, David Sutton, Scott McJohnston, Matt Cooper, Keith Rushforth – but there is definitely room for more.

Please do join us!

Ed Hobbs (Vicar)

International **(£10,000)**

Christian Solidarity Worldwide	£2000
Elam	£2000
Great Lakes Outreach	£1000
Thika (via Exeter Diocese)	£2000
Compassion	£1000
Umoja	£2000

National **(£2000)**

New Wine Networks	£1500
CPAS	£500

Local **(£10,970)**

Mid Devon Community Family Trust	£1000
Chat	£1500
Asaph Trust	£2000
People Matter	£1000
Keystone	£1000

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Family Centre	£1000
Bread of Life	£500
LoveCully	£1000
Di Vickery	£750
Uganda Orphanage Visit (Kelly Jones)	£1000
Mandy Debarring (Lee Abbey visit)	£100
Martin Hammett (Study fees)	£120

Total Assigned

(£22,970)

**For people who are studying, or travelling on mission trip to apply for, or for emergency relief appeals*

Church Office

The year 2019 saw a year of huge change, not only in the Church office, but in the Church staff team as a whole and it did take its toll. We said goodbye to Linda Woods, our Finance Administrator of 7 years and we welcomed Tracey Adams to the team on a Temporary Contract to help us discover what it was we needed.

We have introduced a new finance management system, QuickBooks and along with a huge amount of support and encouragement from our Accountants, GX Accounting.

It was a huge shock to us all, when Wendy Jelley, our office administrator, had a nasty accident on 31st January. We have certainly all felt her absence; not just the immediate staff team but also our extended volunteer base who regularly come in and chat with her as well as to those simply call up for her advice. It is a work in progress as we all learn to run an administrative system that Wendy had been instrumental in setting up and running smoothly for over 12 years, often behind the scenes.

God has been so faithful to us all, firstly and foremostly, by answering all of our prayers for Wendy's healing and by bringing her home to her family. Despite a term of what seemed to give never-ending pressures, challenges and illness, it has been a privilege to watch how even in our weakness, God has made us stronger as a team and in our vulnerability we have come to rely on each other so tightly. Thank you all for your patience in allowing me to settle in to a new role but also for being there for advice and in proving that the running of St Andrew's is totally reliant on the help of so many.

A special thank you must go out to John Raynor for stepping in so graciously and patiently as he too has got to grips with the spinning of so many plates. Together, we have been problem solving and look forward to continuing to help improve the running of our administrative hub. It is a great honour to work alongside such a committed team of people.

[Beth Collier](#) (Operations Director)



Praise and Worship Ministry

We give thanks to the Lord for all the wonderful musicians that lead us so faithfully here at St Andrew's; everything from 9.30 organists and instrumentalists through to the contemporary worship bands of The6. A special thank you to Rachel Dunn for her excellent leadership of The6 bands, to Jayne Keller for all her wonderful work with the All Age bands and to Andrew Maries for his amazing help with our larger seasonal services; we are so blessed!

Over the past year or two it has been so good to see others stepping out in worship leading: Anthony Duke. Ally Edser, Amy Smith, Kelly Jones and Kim Brooks to name a few. We are so grateful too for the support of our PA team, projectionists and admin team and also to everyone who made our online worship times possible this year; amazing work team!

Over the years we have looked for ways to deliberately make space for the next generation to come through. After twenty five years of leading worship here at St Andrew's I am delighted now to be passing the baton of the Worship Team leadership to Josh Baldwin who I know will bring a lovely pastoral heart, wisdom and musical skill to this role. Go for it Josh!

I am so grateful to God for the privilege of having led such a wonderful worship team over these years here at St Andrew's and for being able to look out and see such a fabulous church family enjoying Him through praise and worship; so special.

Following good advice Nikki and I are looking to take a sabbatical season this Autumn but, God willing, we are very much looking forward to exploring wider ministry opportunities under the banner of the Asaph Worship Trust, with St Andrew's still very much our family home, in the days ahead. We pray the Lord will richly bless Josh and all of us as we grow as worshippers in the days ahead, that, in all things, the Lord may be glorified. Thank you to everyone for all your kindness, love and support over the years. 'May the people's praise You, O God, may all the people's praise You' Psalm 67;3

Dave Edwards (Outgoing Worship Co-Ordinator)



Children's Ministry

Overview

2019 was an amazing year for Children and Families' Ministry, with a number of children making a decision for Jesus at different events.

We were blessed by a fantastically dedicated team of volunteers and young leaders who were a privilege to work with.

Do pray for more encounter with Jesus for our children and families' as we go deeper in to 2020.

We ran a number of events including:

Yearly events

SpreeSW July 2019: 29 children came; it was great to see them encountering God and building relationships.

'4 Summer Days' 83 children signed up for interactive Bible stories, games and fun followed by lunch and pudding. We served over 209 meals to children over the summer.

Light Night Bonfire On the 31st October 34 children and their grown ups celebrated Jesus being the light of the world.

Family and Flame Socials which included Pancake Night, Woodland Walk, Beach Picnic, 'four Oaks' Easter Egg Hunt, Pre-Spree event, bouncy castle & BBQ garden party and Prayer evening.

**Sunda
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Parent and Toddler Group**

Our Children's Sunday group ministry continued to flourish. We temporarily reduced the number of groups to 3 to enable the older children to mix and create relationship whilst having fun worshipping, learning more about Jesus and going deeper in their faith.

Carrie lead 3 interactive assemblies a week reaching over 550 local children. Cullompton Pre-School also visited St Andrew's Church for a song, story, snack and a tour of the church.

Carrie Tucker (Children's and Families Pastor)

St Andrew's Toddler Group welcomes parents and carers with their new born, toddler and pre-school children; they enjoy community from volunteers and other parents and a variety of toys, crafts and a break with a drink and a biscuit. Not to mention communal singing time, fantastically led by David Edwards! There can be up to eighty children in any one morning, plus their parents/carers.

Toddler group is a fantastic bridge between Church and community, with many commenting on the special atmosphere and welcome. The team prays before and after every session, asking God to help us see people with His eyes and show His love through our care. We have had many important conversations about faith, relationships and parenting etc. Pre-Covid we ran a parent Alpha that was really well attended, many of whom were toddler group parents.

Thank you to everyone who helps make this such a special group. We do value your prayers for this work and for all the families that are reached. Thank you.

Nikki Edwards and Carrie Tucker

Wednesdays in term time at St Andrew's Primary School, 6-15pm to 7-30pm.

Difficulty with building work at St Andrew's School meant we were unable to use the school for a while and therefore could not meet. When we able to meet again numbers were lower averaging around 18, our regulars remained keen to come and enjoyed the sessions.

KidZone

We altered the programme to allow smoother running as we lost some of our senior leaders but have been very grateful for our tremendous younger leaders. The programme includes action songs, games, craft, drinks/biscuits and a talk sharing Bible stories. The talks are often followed by small age specific groups with discussion questions for them and from the kids followed by prayer with them. Our theme has been how Jesus contacted people and changed their lives by His words and actions.

Please pray for the contacts made and that these kids will know what they have heard in their hearts.

Mike Britton

[Carrie Tucker](#) (Children's and Families Pastor)



Youth

Sunday Mornings

At both Laser and Hub, we have greatly enjoyed some really fruitful relationships of trust and affirmation with the young people, and in September 2019 inherited a large cohort from the children's ministry. We are encouraged by the level of engagement, fun, and spiritual growth that the young people have experienced. Involving our young people in March 2020's All Age service was a highlight, as is seeing young people step into volunteer roles at THE6.

Youth Socials

Attendance at Friday Socials in 2019/20 continued to grow, a real encouragement. Youth Socials continue to be a space for our young people to engage as a community, maintaining and building relationships with one another and members of the church community. In July 2019 we organised a Big Summer Fun Day and an ice-skating trip to Plymouth attended by over 40 young people.

Schools Ministry

We enjoyed consistently high numbers at Cullompton Community College Christian Union; relationship with the school remains very positive. This is an extremely valued space for the young people, who have described valuing the CU as a place of safety, to eat and talk to one another, ask big questions and to play games.

Residential Ministry Activities

In June 2019 we took over 40 young people to SPREESW to learn more about faith together. The 2020 Youth Weekend Away, in February, had to be cancelled due to extreme weather. In response, we provided a last-minute, alternative trip to Flip Out, followed by a late-night church worship and short teaching service. This event was very successful with 32 young people in attendance.

Conclusion

We were blessed to inherit a really, strong platform from Dan Maynard as we took over the Youth Ministry in September 2019. Overall, we have a wonderful cohort of young people coming through at St Andrew's, and they are already proving valuable members of our congregation.

Ben Gaskin (St Andrew's Intern) & Jonathan Reynolds (Ordinand)



School Pastors

Following our launch at Cullompton Community College (CCC) in October 2018, our work continues to grow. We now have a team of 14 trained and commissioned School Pastors and 6 Prayer Pastors who represent 4 different churches in the locality.

In late 2019/early 2020 we successfully ran another joint training programme with Tiverton School Pastors and are now planning our fourth training programme for 2021. Duties were halted in March 2020 due to the Covid restrictions at CCC, but we hope to be back to our twice-weekly presence at the school early in October.

I would like to give thanks for a team that has such a heart for caring and listening to the students at CCC and promoting their wellbeing. Also, for our faithful Prayer Pastor team who seek God's guidance for all that we do at the school. Please pray for Andrew Finney, the new headteacher and all of the staff and students at CCC during these challenging times.

[Judy Wincott](#) (Co-Ordinator)

Keystone Project

The Keystone Project has had a challenging 12 months. The Project was without a paid member of staff or official lead between September '19 until March '20. During this period the Project was run by its volunteers Scott McJohnston and Dave Reah and then Colin Gross joined the team later in 2019.

Scott was employed as the new Project Coordinator and took up the role on March 2nd 2020. Lockdown began soon after, and the Project needed to suspend its main streams of support and begin a new way of supporting people such as connecting people with other programs such as People Matter, CHAT, CAB and benefits agencies. We offered a service collecting and delivering prescriptions and shopping. We also offered Pastoral support and mentoring via telephone. And set Life Group up virtually.

During lockdown, Scott was furloughed from 18th May and returned to full hours on 22nd September. The lockdown version of the Project was run by Dave Reah whilst Scott was furloughed.

Job Club has been back in operation for 4 weeks since we emerged from lockdown and I from furlough, and we are beginning to see the numbers return to pre lockdown figures, although we are seeing new faces too. We have a new female volunteer and we are looking to start up our female support stream soon.

When talking about other forms of support, this has been along the lines of helping people to move house, helping them to access either finances or manpower or both. Helping others to negotiate visa applications, helping still others attend funerals and various other appointments and linking people with other agencies that may be able to connect a few more dots.

Due to my being furloughed we saved 3 months of salary, we have been given an extension for our grant period by the Henry Smith Charity, so we have funds to cover my salary until the end of May and salary for a female Co-coordinator covered for 6 months. Our grant application window with Henry Smith opens on 1st December and we are putting together funding bids for both a women's

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support group and to be able to pay for training for some of our more stuck individuals.

KEY: JC = Job club. WG = Work Group. LG = Life Group. E = Employment. V = Volunteering. T = Training. B = Benefits. F = Faith. O = Other Help. CG = Church Goers. LD = Lockdown Help.

Participant	JC	WG	LG	E	V	T	B	F	O	CG	LD
1.	y		y			y	y	y	y		y
2.	y	y	y								
3.	y		y	y		y				y	y
4.	y		y	y		y				y	
5.	y			y							
6.	y		y				y		y		y
7.	y				y	y				y	
8.	y			y							
9.	y							y			
10.	y	y	y	y		y					y
11.	y	y	y		y			y		y	
12.	y			y		y	y		y	y	
13.	y			y		y	y		y	y	
14.	y								y		y
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25.	y	y	y						y		y
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32.			y							y	
33.			y							y	
34.			y						y	y	
35.			y							y	
36.	y	y	y	y		y			y		
37.									y		y
38.									y	y	y
39.									y	y	y
40.									y		y
41.									y	y	y
42.	y								y		y
43.									y		y
Total. 43	28	8	18	13	6	11	6	6	22	17	15
	JC	WG	LG	E	V	T	B	F	O	CG	LD

Stream/Outcome	Participant NOs
Total Keystone	43
Job Club	28
Employed	13
Volunteering	6
Training	11
Benefits	6
Work Group	8
Life Group	18
New Faith/Returned to faith	6
Already Church Goers	17
Lockdown assistance	15
Other forms of support	22

People Matter

People Matter continues to operate on a Friday morning. We had a busier year in 2019, seeing 265 clients, up from 211 in 2018. The majority of our clients were experiencing difficulty due to Universal Credit.

We continue to be financially supported by the Church, Cullompton United Charities, Unite and several individual donors, for which we are very grateful. Our food supply is topped up regularly via our boxes in Tesco and the Church and we have had plentiful supply throughout the year.

We have a small band of volunteers, most of whom have been with us for some time and without whom we could not continue so many thanks to all.

[Melanie Whitehead](#) (People Matter Co-Ordinator)

Care Home Ministries

Care Home Ministry seeks to offer spiritual care to the three care homes in Cullompton: Court House, Culm Valley Care, & Orchard Lea. These homes provide a variety of care: nursing care, residential care, & respite care.

Up until March, our small team continued to provide a monthly service with optional Communion. Our emphasis was to engage, using visual aids to conversation and sharing memories and using familiar music to enable participation. It's been humbling and inspiring to witness residents' responses and mark a significant contribution to 'revealing the heart of Jesus in the community.' The care homes too were very supportive of our contributions, & have, in some cases put in requests for bedside Holy Communion.

The pandemic has brought all to a halt, as the care homes wisely brought in lockdown early. We have been unable to visit, but have sent cards & telephoned support. Please pray for the physical, emotional, mental & spiritual health of residents, their families & the staff at the homes, in this heart-breaking time. They need to be mentioned in our Intercessions regularly. I'm grateful, that so far, it seems that the pandemic has not badly impacted our local homes. Thank you Lord!

Celia Fox

Woodmill Brain Injury Unit

As many of you will know there has been a team from St Andrew's faithfully visiting the service users and staff at the Woodmill Brain injury unit for approximately twenty years. Sadly, the unit closed in the Spring, after many years of helping folk with brain injuries and their families.

We will miss the contact with these special people and their wonderful carers but we do want to thank God for all the amazing times that we have had together there. Thank you too for all your prayers for the Woodmill over the years. We continue to pray for God's richest blessings on all the service users and staff as they move on to new things.

Thank you so much,

David Edwards, Martin Smith, Sue Rivett and Tony Grabham

Dave Edwards (Outgoing Worship Co-Ordinator)

Coffee Morning

We have been very pleased with the number of people who accessed the delights of Coffee and Cake and friendly chats up until 'Lock Down' in March this year.

We have to thank all who have helped with providing cakes and those who have generously put money in the collecting pot. Our thanks also goes to David and Alan and the staff at the Centre for all the help and support they have given us. Although raising money is not the aim of Coffee Morning, since April 2019 we have distributed over £3000 to charities and other good causes, locally, nationally and internationally. We try and respond when a need is brought to our attention.

We look forward to the time when we can all meet again over coffee and cake.

The Coffee Morning Team

Linda Curtis (Coffee Morning Team)

House Groups

Home groups are a vital part of the family life of St Andrew's. It's here that we can begin to put our faith into practice outside of our Sunday gatherings, taking time to grow in our relationships with each other and with God. These groups are therefore our primary means of both support for one another, and for discipleship. Home groups come in a variety of shapes and sizes – so there will be the right one there for you! However, groups generally have five elements: fellowship – space to build friendships; worship – time to be devoted to Jesus; prayer – especially for one another; learning – especially from the Bible; and mission – whether that's in space for the group to grow or in having a heart for a particular locality or area of society.

The home group leaders gather once a term. Here good ideas are shared, concerns prayed for, and mutual encouragement given for this important role. Some especially fruitful conversations at home group leaders' gatherings in 2019 focussed on how we have grown in discipleship ourselves, and then mapping those ideas and experiences onto the content of home groups.

There are around 20 home groups at St Andrew's and so overseeing and supporting the groups is a significant role. During 2019 this was done by Olly Mears, Tony Bryant and John Raynor. In the course of the year, we looked to grow this team and form clusters of leaders for mutual support and encouragement. Growing the team proved more difficult than expected and so this idea was put on hold. In the summer John Raynor stepped down from his role on the team after some excellent work helping us administer the groups. We were grateful for John's care and wisdom!

Events in 2020 have shown that home groups are more important than ever. If you aren't part of a group but would like to join one it could be the best decision you make this year! Email homegroups@standrewscullompton.com

Olly Mears (Associate Vicar)



Growing Leaders

Growing Leaders is a course from CPAS which St Andrew's uses to develop people in discipleship, personal development and leadership skills. There are three main elements to the course which are spread out over three terms: firm foundations, key skills and keeping faithful. Teaching happens once a month, and each participant works with a mentor on applying their learning to life in the context where they're leading or beginning to lead - whether that's work, church, or somewhere else. There were 20 participants on the 2018-19 course which finished in July 2019. It was a powerful conclusion to a really significant course. A fresh cohort began in October. Please pray that God would equip each of the participants to be led more by Jesus, more like Jesus and more to Jesus.

[Olly Mears](#) (Associate Vicar)

Silvertops

Silvertops meet in the Community Centre on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 1.45 until 3.45. Anyone from Cullompton and surrounding areas over the age of 50 is welcome. We meet to chat, play card or board games, do jigsaws or colouring and have a cup of tea. We also have quizzes, put together by Brian Button.

In 2019 we visited the Donkey Sanctuary and sponsored a donkey, Bonnie. We also visited Kiaora Gardens for Afternoon tea. David Edwards and Andrew Maries very kindly entertained the group with carols in December. We continue to support the shoe box appeal, and the Family Centre.

Sadly, our trips and visits this year have not gone ahead, but our members have been supporting each other during this difficult time. We do hope to meet again, as soon as we are allowed. Our dear Secretary, Heather Rushforth will be greatly missed. Many thanks to all the team for your support.

Do joins us!

Veronica Inman

Men's Ministry

Events were held during 2019/20 with typically most of them featuring eating:

- A group of mainly retired men continue to meet on the first Wednesday most months at the Merry Harriers, enjoying fellowship and good food.
- The Rev(ret)Alan Dodds returned during 2019 to talk further about his early years in the music industry. Alan shared stories and memories along with how his faith grew and led him into full-time ministry.

Vision

The men's work at St Andrews aims to build up Christian men in their faith, to encourage men's fellowship and to help equip the sharing of the gospel with other men.

A variety of events were being planned for 2020 specifically aimed at meeting the vision but are currently on hold. One significant development for 2020 is the intention to introduce 'Let's Talk for Men' – a men's version of 'Oasis' for women.

Ed Thompson

Prayer Ministry Team

PRAYER MINISTRY

Before lockdown, there were 30 of us in the prayer ministry team. One pair was on duty at the 9.30, and 3 pairs were on duty at 11.00, ready and willing to pray for anybody who came forward wanting prayer for any reason. Since lockdown there are still 30. A few have left and a few have joined. Currently, prayer ministry is not available on a Sunday morning due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, prayer ministry is still available. By sending an email to prayerministry@standrewscullompton.com, or filling in the request card at one of the Sunday morning services, a member of the prayer team will contact you as soon as possible with a view to praying for you.

PROPHETIC APPOINTMENTS

In addition, there is now an option to receive words of affirmation and encouragement from the heart of God, delivered by a team of prophetically gifted members of St Andrews. To request an appointment to receive this option, you can also email prayerministry@standrewscullompton.com, and somebody will contact you.

[Tony Bryant](#)

Monday Morning Prayer Meeting

The Monday morning Prayer meeting was one of several that were started many years ago to pray for St Andrew's and especially for the Community Centre Project.

It started in the wooden 'shack' in the car park of the old church hall and it continues to meet today. For half of this last 18 months we continued to meet at 7.30 a.m. in the church, but with the onset of Covid restrictions it was moved to on-line Zoom and moved to 9.30 a.m.

It has consistently operated under the leadership of Martin and Judy Smith with worship, inspirational bible verses and prayer across a wide range of issues. It has a general membership of about 20 people with 10 to 12 each week and room for more. We have been able to engage on personal and life-giving prayer for individuals as well as corporate church and national topics.

Part of the ministry before lockdown included a chat over coffee on the High Street afterwards and this has been replaced by a Friday morning Zoom for general chat and laughter at 11.00. Again, this is hosted by Martin Smith's private Zoom meeting room.

We pray a lot for the church at St Andrews in and coming out of lockdown, for new staff and leadership wisdom and particularly of late we have begun to focus on the original topic as we pray more earnestly for the Community Centre whose business is particularly badly hit by the pandemic. It is almost back to square one with similar challenges to the original business start-up.

I find it a great way to start the week and commend it to those who could use a kick start on a Monday Morning.

William Wheeler

Prayer For Revival

Our monthly meetings have continued and from April 2020 via Zoom. We now meet on the 3rd Thursday evenings. Different ones have shared in leading our initial thoughts.

We continue to explore the challenging subject of Revival- 'Restoration' -and what it means for us—individually, for the Church and for the Nation. We look at Biblical examples from Old and New Testaments and have asked “are we hearing God?” we do need to listen to Him and carry out what He says; “do we have a longing for God to come and for lives to be changed?”(and so also Church and Nation); “the biblical demand for God’s people to repent (change our minds and ways)”; “the need to break old habits and attitudes- God is doing a New Thing (Is43)”; “the need for humility and of ‘Abiding in the Vine’”; “preparing ourselves for God’s move”.

We are certainly drawn closer together as we pray together and seek God’s purposes for us all.

A.S.K. Network Prayer Group (Intercessory)

We meet Monthly, usually on the 4th Wednesday mornings, in a home, or since April via Zoom. We focus on worshiping God, humbling ourselves before Him, submitting to His agenda, His thoughts, seeking to be guided by the Holy Spirit and His written Word. Our burden is for the Church and Nation and we have some interesting times together.

Using the Bible we have prayed through many subjects not often talked about; ‘what do we understand as holiness? its importance, the messiness and outworking of Brexit; sin; repentance; national leaders and politicians; the Jezebel Spirit and its effects; being ‘watchmen’; God bringing order out of chaos; Daniel’s confession (ch9); the clash of 'darkness and light' and the power of His word; ‘the good is the enemy of the best’; truth v falsehood; the Cross, its meaning and significance.

We feel our times together are significant and challenging.

Dorothy Davies

The Asaph Worship Trust

To touch God's heart in worship and share God's heart in song.

The Asaph Worship Trust was set up over twenty years ago to promote Christian worship. The trust supports and facilitates the work of David Edwards in worship ministry and in sharing the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the years that the Trust has been in existence much of David's time has been spent here at St Andrew's, leading worship and co-coordinating the worship team but he has also been involved further afield in worship and renewal ministry; from leaders' days and retreats through to outreach in the community and evangelistic missions.

As David hands on the leadership of the Worship Team here at St Andrew's our sense is that this will free him up to be able to explore other avenues of worship ministry, training and mentoring; encouraging the church far and wide as the Lord leads. In the short term we have encouraged David and Nikki to take a much-needed sabbatical and together we are seeking the Lord for His vision for the days to come. Exciting times!

A big THANK YOU to all those whose prayer and financial support has enabled David to continue in this ministry; it is much appreciated. If you have any questions about the Asaph Worship Trust or about David's work, then please do speak to David or to one of the Asaph trustees; Nigel O'Dwyer, Sue Rivett, Alison Burlton or Carolyn Miskin.

Thank you so much,

David and the Asaph Worship Trust Trustees

Dave Edwards (Outgoing Worship Co-Ordinator)

Bell Ringing

Prior to March 2020 we were able to ring on Sundays before the 9:30am service, second Sunday 10 bell ringing prior to The6 and third Sunday chimes prior to the 11am service, also weddings and some funerals as requested.

Teaching of new recruits had been progressing well until lockdown in March which put an end to full circle ringing for a few months. During this time Chris has continued to undertake maintenance on the bells and look after the clock each week. He has also played the chimes for a small number of weddings, as a 'restrictions alternative' to usual wedding ringing.

On 5th June we remembered the 100 year anniversary of the augmentation of 8 to 10 bells. We are grateful for the £1,100 raised in 1920 for this work to take place. Once restrictions have lifted we will find a way to celebrate this.

Following Covid guidelines we re-started ringing on 13th September in line with church services, though at present this can only be 4 ringers socially distanced, for a total of 15 minutes. Prior to the 10:30am and 11:45am services Chris has been playing the chimes, as this only requires one person.

On Saturday 3rd October we hosted the annual service and AGM for the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. The collection from this was split between The Devon Bell Restoration Fund and St Andrew's.

We look forward to the time when we can ring all 10 bells and resume training.

Chris and Rachel Cozens

(Cullompton Tower Captain and Secretary)

Cullompton Community Centre

2019 was a successful year for the centre. We continued to attract commercial bookings providing the finance to enable us to subsidise many community events. We have an excellent staff team who provide a great service meaning that we have many repeat bookings.

Our team of volunteer directors has remained the same during the year and our small team of centre volunteers have held some successful events. Many thanks to them for their hard work.

Melanie Whitehead (Volunteer Director)

Safeguarding

A copy of St Andrew's Cullompton Safeguarding Policy Statement is on our website as well as a full copy of our most up to date Safeguarding Policy. Please go to www.standrewscullompton.com to find the link.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of our safeguarding team:

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